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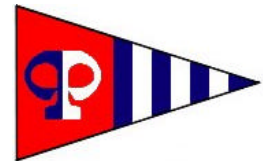
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Don't forget Pennsway's

Annual Holiday party

On December 14th

At the Cock'n Bull Restaurant

In Peddlers Village -Call Linda Rogers

At 215-362-1181 for more information

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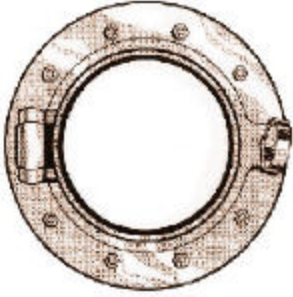
Commander's Message

Well, the holidays are upon us and our boats are closed for the season. For Pennsway the beginning of the November brought the D/5 Commanders together to discuss ways to share educational programs and various venues that will bring interesting events into reality.

Mainline Power Squadron did an excellent job in presenting not only an interesting but also informative D/5 meeting. There were soldiers dressed in civil war uniforms to act as an honor guard. We had an orator dressed in colonial garb while giving a computer-projected story onto a gold-framed canvas. The computer-generated presentation went through the history of dignitaries who lived in the Philadelphia area.

As always there was time to kick up your heels and we certainly did as the Mummers were our entertainment for the day. After a colorful program and great music, the Mummer's leader led squadron members in a mummers strut contest and yes, I certainly took part in all the fun.

At our last General Meeting Pennsway was host to Gary Gentile's diving presentation.



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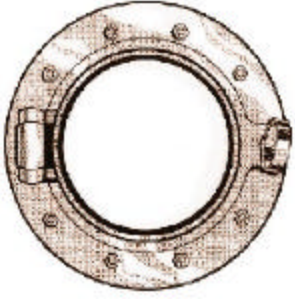
We had a great turn out as we had many visitors from the diving community who were introduced to our Boating Educational focus at the meeting. As Gary's talk primarily dealt with the wreck of the Andrea Doria, it was interesting to find that each captain had at least 40 years at sea. One captain deviated from his shipping lane by 20 miles to save time. Both were doing 21 knots in full fog. Although the ships saw each other on radar well before they collided they apparently did little to avoid this tragedy. The message is that careless boating can lead to an accident.



Everyone seemed to enjoy Gary's presentation and his research on the wreck, which we displayed on a 30' picture mural. Pennsway also displayed all our educational opportunities now available.

I save the best for last. Pennsway has filled the Secretary position. Lt Ed Dunbar indicated he wanted to do more for the squadron, which led me to ask him to become our new Secretary. Ed's energy is greatly welcomed on the Bridge and I know he'll do a fine job. Let's all welcome Ed on his new position with Pennsway.

However, we still have other positions open in the squadron, which need to be filled. Stepping up and volunteering your time to help the squadron grow and develop is really needed. Best of all, you will have a great time with other squadron members in planning and being a part of the various events during the year. Come and join the fun.



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PHILADELPHIA BOAT SHOW CANCELLED

May we again remind you that the Philadelphia Boat Show has been cancelled due to a drop off in attendance. We are now putting our energy into the boat show at Ft Washington. More information on this boat show later. I will be collecting names for manning the booth at our general membership meetings. However, if you're interested in helping out please call me at 610-718-9337. Thanks.

P/C Al Beck, SN

SEO REPORT

The Squadron Boating Courses for the fall term are finished. The students who successfully completed the USPS and PA Fish & Boat Commission exams are as follows:

Bensalem – 10

Hatboro-Horsham – 6

Upper Dublin –7

I thank all the volunteers who participated in teaching these classes. The feedback from the students was positive about the information they learned.

In cooperation with George Fesmire, an Assistant Boy Scout leader in the Hatboro area and prior Pennsway member, we will start a Boat Smart class after the holidays. Look in the January issue for the details of the time and place to share with your friends and coworkers who may be interested. It will probably be held on two consecutive Saturdays.

With the help of Jim Heckman I have submitted a proposal to the Trustees of the Henry Sweet Fund that requested a grant for half the cost of buying a computer projector and a laptop computer. The new teaching materials that are available are beginning to come with CD's of graphic for this purpose. It is time for us to move into the new age of presentations!

Lt/C Jane Scarborough, AP

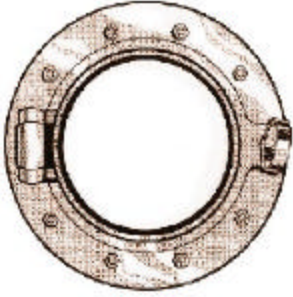


ENGINE MAINTENANCE COURSE

Pennsway's Engine Maintenance course is tentatively beginning the week of January 20th no matter the class size.

This course attempts to make the boater more self-reliant afloat. Trouble shooting and temporary remedies are given emphasis. Both gas and diesel engines are discussed. Cost of the course is \$45. Classes will be at Upper Dublin Lutheran Church and taught by P/C Tom Wisniewski, JN. For more details and to sign up please contact Tom as soon as possible at 215-542-0287(H), 215-641-7191(W) or e-mail at

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BOATER RESCUES 3 OFF CAPE MAY POINT

One of our own members, Ed Klopp, had the experience of a lifetime last October 22nd just off Cape May Point. The Atlantic City Press relates his story as follows:

CAPE MAY – A boater pulled three people out of the water off Cape May Point on Tuesday and probably saved their lives, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Edward Klopp, a Pennsylvania resident, was out boating when he saw a 26-foot vessel take an unexpected wave and capsize. The sun was about to set and the three fishermen were in the water more than one mile off shore. The water temperature was 61 degrees.

"It would have been very unlikely that the three would have survived until someone reported them overdue to us. In all regards, Mr. Klopp saved the three people," said Lt Michael DaPonte, the commanding officer of Coast Guard Station Cape May.

The Coast Guard retrieved the three men from Klopp's vessel. The capsized vessel, owned by Robert Smith of Turnersville, was recovered.

Great work Ed Klopp!



YOUR INVITED TO A PARTY!

PENNSWAY'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Let's all enjoy the season with a happy holiday party at The Cock & Bull restaurant in Peddlers village.

Keep the date of Saturday December 14th open at 1:30 PM. For those who go are surely to have a great time with your Pennsway friends not to mention enjoying the sumptuous food and drinks. A lunch menu will be served for \$22 per person. If you bring a wrapped gift you may take a gift home. Gifts are not required, but if you do bring one keep the price around \$20.

Of course Holiday Good Spirits are a must. Please direct all questions and send your checks to:

P/C Linda Ann Rogers, P
808 West Third Street
Lansdale, PA 19446
215-362-1181

Please send in your reservations and checks as soon as possible. For directions please go to www.mapquest.com and enter your address and the following address:

Cock'n Bull Restaurant
Rt 263 & Street Rd
Lahaska, PA 18931
215-794-4000

Hot Luncheon Buffet

Salads

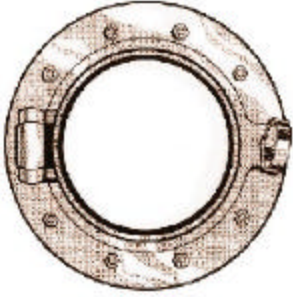
Fruit Salad, Tossed Salad, Pasta Salad

Entrée

Lemon Chicken, Beef Burgundy,
Salmon Florentine, Garden Vegetable
Medley,
& Rosemary Potatoes

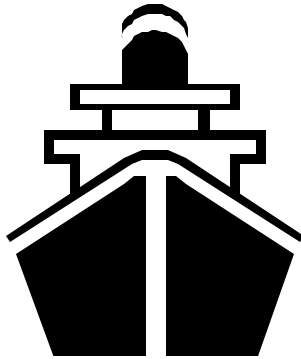
Desserts

Warm Apple Crisp & Chocolate Ganache Cake
Coffee, Tea, and Assorted Sodas



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SMELLIN da ROSES

Pennsway's January meeting should be really interesting. John and Judy Gill will present "Smellin da Roses", an overview of their "America's Great Loop Cruise" completed thus far.

The Gill's on "Two J's V" along with their friends Howard and Maggie Daniels aboard "Marge's Barge" are taking what is called the America's Great Loop Cruise, sometimes called the Great Circle Cruise, over three boating seasons on their own boats.

This cruise is simply a complete circumnavigation of the Eastern half of the United States and Canada and is between 6,000 and 7,500 miles long depending on side trips taken.

Highlighted in the Two J's presentation will be three of the boating wonders of North America: The "LADDER LOCKS" at Ottawa, Ont. (Rideau Waterway), the "PETERBOROUGH LIFT LOCK" in Peterborough, Ont. and the "MARINE RAILWAY" at Big Chute, Severn Bridge, Ont. (Both of which are on the Trent-Severn Waterway).

If you're interested in long range cruising and/or cruise planning, you will not want to miss this presentation. So come on out and spend an enjoyable evening with the Two J's—John & Judy.

PENNSWAY P.I.E. AWARDS FOR November

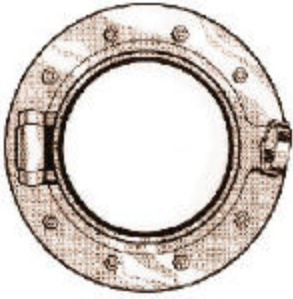


Promotion Award goes to P/C Barry Jones, JN

Barry received this award because of his relentless drive in making The Portlight for Pennsway a great newsletter we can read each month. He was faced with a staffing shortage mid way through the year and needed to learn additional computer skills in order to complete the job each month.

The Involvement Award goes to Lt Helen Mayer, SN

Helen received the Involvement Award because of her making many useful suggestions in creating our new Roster including developing a more efficient emergency call list.



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She has also done a great job year after year as our Merit Mark coordinator. This requires receiving all Merit Mark recommendations, formatting this information into her computer and sending this material to USPS.

Helen thanks for a job well done.

The Educational Award goes to P/C Arthur Hill, SN (not seen in picture)

Art received the Education Award because of his commitment to Pennsway's Educational program. Not only has he stepped up year after year with teaching the various USPS courses, but has also shared his knowledge in navigating the galaxy with the various star constellations. Most recently he and P/C Jim Heckman, SN presented a most interesting power point discussion of our galaxy using pictures from the Hubble telescope.

Art has also helped bring our membership up to date on the Coop Charting program. His recent presentation on Coop Charting certainly enlightens some of our members, who may not be familiar with the subject. Art plans to line up a day when those who are interested can go out a practice this skill. Art keep up the great work and thanks again.

Holiday Wishes from the Cdr's Family

From my Family to Yours, Here's wishing you and yours the warmest of Holiday Wishes.

Ed , Pam , Alex and Sarah Christine (our baby girl due 3/29/03)

Pam is doing well and sewing up a storm of baby girl bedding items, etc.

** Change of watch may have a whole new meaning in 2003

PIKE RESTAURANT

**820 N BETHLEHEM PK
SPINGHOUSE, PA**

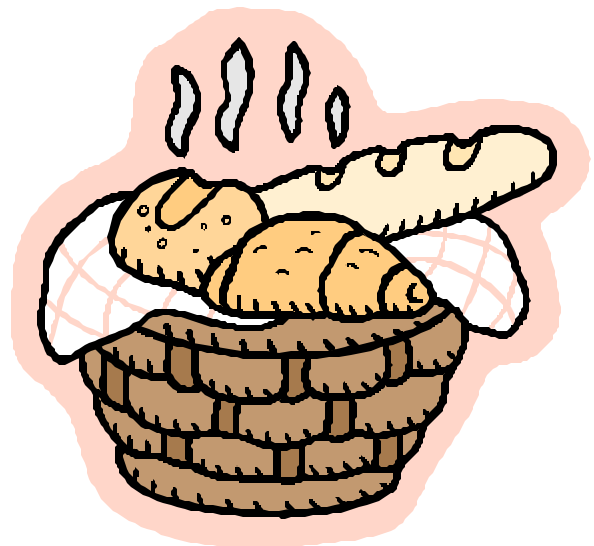
"Serving the fines in Home Style Cooking"

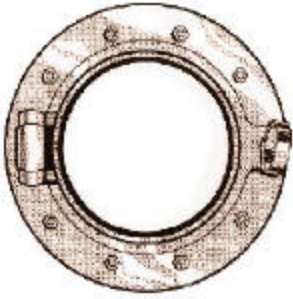
No liquor license, but Brown Bagging beer and wine is acceptable.

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(limit 2 dinners per ad)

Call for reservations at 215-646-2981





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Pictures From D5 Fall Conference:



Cdr. White Stands Watch with the Colonial Guard.



The Great Orator telling it the way it was



Cdr. White , " V " & Dt/C Seldon Hanging out at the Party



Cdr. White
"Standing with the Mummies"